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An EXTRACT

OF THE

MINUTES

OF

SEVERAL CONVERSATIONS

Held at MANCHESTER, July 27, &c. 1795.

BETWEEN THE

PREACHERS,

LATE IN

CONNECTION

WITH THE

REV. MR. WESLEY.

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BRITISH MUSEUM

MINUTES

OF SOME LATE

CONVERSATIONS, &c.

MANCHESTER, *Monday*, 27th of *July*, 1795.*

Queſtion 1.

WHAT Preachers are *admitted into full Connection* this year?

Anſwer.

Edward Gibbons,
Thomas Trethewey,
John Doncaſter,
William Denton,
Iſaac Lilly,
William Franklin,
Stephen Wilſon,
William Mahy,
Henry Mahy,
James Jay,
Michael Emmett,
Richard Pattiſon,
John Kingſton,
George Deverell,
James Buckley,
Alexander Cummin,
Henry Anderſon,
Cleland Kirkpatrick,
Thomas Fearnley,
Thomas Greaves.†

IRELAND.

Joſeph Hennin,
William Armſtrong,
John Mc Farland,
Samuel Alcorn.

Q. 2. *Who remain on Trial?*

A. Richard Gower,
Joſeph Kyte,
Joſeph Bowes,
Joſeph Robbins,
Francis Balliau,
John Stephens,
Robert Smith, jun.
John Ward,
Richard Hardacre,
James Bridgnell,
William Fenwick,

* N. B. The firſt day was ſpent in faſting and prayer.

† All thoſe, who have travelled four years, and are well recommended by their reſpective Aſſiſtants, ſhall be admitted into full Connection, though abſent from the Conference, provided that ſufficient reaſons be given for their abſence. Nevertheleſs, they ſhall paſs through the uſual examination at the next Conference, at which they ſhall be preſent.

Richard Treffry,
Stephen Eversfield,
Iſaac Muff,
William Brown,
Thomas Linay,
John Brice,
George Morley.
The above have travelled three years.
Jonathan Parker,
George Marſden,
Thomas Yates,
James Scholefield,
Richard Waddy,
Edmund Shaw,
Francis Weſt,
Patrick Kelly,
James Penman,
George Douglas,
John Clarke,
Robert Green,
Anthony Seckerſon,
William Harriſon,
George Dermott,
Leonard Ledbrook,
James Lyons,
James Mort,
John Phillips,
Charles Gloyne,
Thomas Ingham.
The above have travelled two years.
Edward Towler,
William Hicks,
Caleb Simmonds,
James Crabb,
Mark Daniel,
Thomas Stanton,
William Pearſon, jun.
John Brownhill,
John Aſhall,
Thomas Parſon,
William Howarth,
William Moulton,
Andrew Mayer,
William Timperly,
Joſeph Drake,
Arthur Hutchinſon,
Richard Thompſon,
Richard Waddy,
John Furnace,
Edward Millward,
John Jones,
Samuel Harris,
John Hudſon.
The above have travelled one year.

IRELAND.

Matthew Tobias, *
James Stuart,
Robert Banks,
Thomas Mc Clelland,
James Jordan,
James Smith,
Robert Dougherty,
John Mc Arthur.
The above have travelled three years.
James Mc Kee,
Robert Crozier,
George Stephenſon.
The above have travelled two years.
Francis Ruſſell,
Archibald Montgomery,
John Stuart,
William Patten,
Joſeph

* Matthew Tobias has travelled four years, but was not able to attend the Dublin-Conference. He would have been admitted as a perſon of unexceptionable character, if the rule for admitting Preachers in their abſence had then exiſted.

Joſeph Anderſon,
John Hamilton,
Daniel Mc Mullen,
Matthew Langtree.

The above have travelled one year.

Q. 3. Who are *admitted on Trial.*

A. John Jennings,
Charles Greenly,
Thomas Rough,
Joſiah Hill,
William Pearſon, Sen.
Joſeph Brockhouſe,
James Gill,
Joſeph Cook,
Martin Vaughan,
John Leppington,
John Wood,
Thomas Edman,
Thomas Blanchard,
Thomas Stanley,
Joſeph Collier,
Samuel Harris.

IRELAND.

John Clegg,
Glenham Beech,
James Mc Keown,
John Gillis,
Lawrence Kane, Jun.

N. B. This is the ſecond time that John Gillis has been put back upon trial.

Q. 4. Who have *died* this year?

A. 1. Benjamin Pearce. He travelled eleven years in England, Ireland, and the Weſt Indies, with an unblameable character and conſiderable uſefulneſs. In his voyage from Grenada to Barbadoes he was ſeized with a putrid fever, and died on his paſſage. Before he expired, he called the Captain of the veſſel, and ſaid to him, "Tell my friends, when you arrive in Barbadoes, that I die happy in God."

2. John Cook, who was appointed to labour in the Weſt Indies. He was recommended in the ſtrongeſt manner by all the preachers, ſtewards, and leaders of his circuit. On his arrival at the Iſland of Tortola, he was ſeized with the putrid fever then raging in that part of the world. A lodging was prepared for him on a hill, where the air was particularly ſalubrious, and two phyſicians attended him; but all in vain. After an illneſs of five days, he was taken to his reward in the prime of life, and in the triumph of faith. "How unaccountable are thy Judgments, O God!"

3. John Broadbent, who laboured in the Lord's vineyard for 22 years. During the laſt years of his life, his conſtitution was exceedingly debilitated: but, knowing that he had ſunk into an irrecoverable decline, he laid out every ſmall degree of ſtrength afforded him, in the

honourable courſe in which he was engaged, and preached to the laſt. He was a zealous man, and truly alive to God. He reſigned his ſoul in peace, obſerving to a friend, juſt before he died, that God had very much bleſſed his ſoul.

4. WILLIAM BUTTERFIELD. He travelled about eleven years, and was an acceptable, uſeful Preacher. His death was occaſioned by an inflammation in the brain.

5. MATTHEW LOWES, an old and faithful Preacher. He travelled about 16 years, till an aſthmatic complaint obliged him to limit his uſefulneſs. He was remarkable for humility, meekneſs and ſerioufneſs.

6. MARK WILLIS, an excellent young man, and an acceptable Preacher. He travelled about ſeven years, and was taken off by a conſumption in the bloom of life.

7. WILLIAM MARTIN, a young man of promiſing abilities and conſiderable uſefulneſs. He died of a ſcarlet fever, after an illneſs of five days, in the third year of his itinerancy, and the 29th of his age. He was perfectly ſenſible to the laſt, and died happy in the Lord.

8. CHARLES BOONE, who died of an atrophy, after labouring as a travelling preacher about 24 years. In him the church has loſt an upright, able, and zealous miniſter, his acquaintance a kind and ſincere friend, and his afflicted partner an affectionate and indulgent huſband. There appeared to be blended in him the ſoftneſs of moderation with the inflexibility of truth; the meekneſs of wiſdom with the ardor of piety; and the deſire of unity and peace, with ſtrict attention to order and diſcipline. He lived eſteemed, and died lamented; and his memory will be bleſſed and engraven on the hearts of many.

9. SAMUEL HODGSON, a man of unblemiſhed character, and of a generous, liberal mind. He acquired a good deal of knowledge, and walked humbly with the Lord. While croſſing the ferry near Sunderland with ſeveral others, the boat was overſet, and he and the greateſt part of the paſſengers were drowned. Thus in the awful Providence of God, this excellent man was ſnatched from his ſphere of uſefulneſs to a better country, and to the full enjoyment of the God he loved. He was heard to ſay, juſt before he ſunk, "Lord Jeſus, receive my Spirit, and have "mercy on my fellow-ſufferers." He travelled 16 years.

10. THOMAS

10. THOMAS ELLIOTT, a deeply pious and zealous man. He travelled in Ireland four years, and was two years a Supernumerary. He was of a ſtrong underſtanding and good gifts. The Lord was pleaſed to take him to his reward in the prime of life, by a conſumption brought on through exceſſive labour.

Q. 5. Are there any objections to any of our Preachers?

A. They were examined one by one.

Q. 6. Who have deſiſted from Travelling?

A. Francis Thoreſby, William Brown.

Q. 7. How are the Preachers ſtationed this year?

A. As follows:

1	*London,*	Thomas Coke, John Pawſon, James Creighton, Peard Dickinſon, Francis Wrigley, Adam Clarke, William Weſt, Walter Griffith, Richard Reece; George Story, Editor, &c. George Whitfield, Book Steward; Thomas Olivers and Thomas Rankin, Supernumeraries.
2	*Rye,*	Thomas Bartholomew, William Saunders, Joſeph Kyte, Henry Anderſon.
3	*Rocheſter,*	William Collins, Richard Treffroy.
4	*Canterbury,*	William Shelmerdine, John Saunderſon, James Mort. [The ſingle men in Rocheſter and Canterbury are to change with each other once a quarter.]
5	*Colcheſter,*	John Reynolds, John Stephens.
6	*Harwich,*	John Hickling, Duncan Kay. [The ſingle men in Colcheſter and Harwich are to change once a quarter.]
7	*Norwich,*	Benjamin Leggatt, John Leppington.
8	*Yarmouth,*	James Anderſon, Edmund Shaw, Francis Weſt.
9	*Diſs,*	George Sykes, Charles Tunnycliffe.
10	*Bury,*	Thomas Broadbent, John Furnace.
11	*Lynn,*	Charles Kyte, Richard Hardacre.
12	*Walſingham,*	William Heath, John Wittam.
13	*Bedford,*	Jonathan Couſſins, Joſeph Robins.
14	*Higham Ferrers,*	Joſeph Harper, Edward Towler.

15	*St. Ives, Hunts.*	Stephen Wilſon, Tho. Linay, James Scholefield.
16	*Northampton,*	Edward Gibbon, Thomas Gill.
17	*Banbury,*	Thomas Rogerſon, Joſiah Hill.
18	*Oxford,*	Owen Davis, John Dean; John Murlin, Supernumerary.
19	*Newbury,*	John Boyle, James Lawton.
20	*Glouceſter,*	William Jenkins, Joſeph Burges, J. Jennings.
21	*Worceſter,*	Joſeph Taylor, James Thom, James Bridgnell.
22	*Saliſbury,*	John Mackerſey, Robert Smith, jun.
23	*Blandford,*	William Holmes, William Haworth, Thomas Stanton, Charles Greenly; Robert Carr Brackenbury, Supernumerary.
24	*Portſmouth,*	Joſeph Algar, George Deverell, James Crabb, John Jones, Joſeph Brockhouſe.
25	*Iſle of Jerſey,*	William Palmer, John De Quetville.
26	*Iſle of Guernſey,*	Thomas Simmeonite, Henry Mahy.
27	*Iſles of Alderney and Sark,*	William Dieuaide, Francis Balliau.
	[The preachers in the Iſlands are to change once in two Months.]	
28	*Bath,*	Samuel Bradburn, John Grant.
29	*Bradford, Wilts,*	James Rogers, Richard Gower.
30	*Briſtol,*	Joſeph Bradford, Joſeph Cole, Chas. Atmore, Andrew Mayor, John Aſhall; Thomas Roberts, Supernumerary.
31	*Shepton Mallet,*	William Aſhman, Theophilus Leſley, Joſeph Bowes; John Eaſton, Supernumerary.
32	*Taunton,*	James Byrom, John Clark, William Moulton.
33	*Columbton,*	Thomas Trethewey, Wm. Thoreſby.
34	*Plymouth-Dock,*	Jonathan Crowther, James Lyons.
35	*Launceſton,*	Thomas Kelk, John Sandoe, John Crickett.
36	*St. Auſtle,*	John Smith, Thomas Yates, Mark Daniel.

37 *Redruth,*

37 *Redruth*, Laurence Kane, William Aver, James Jay, Joſeph Cook.

38 *Penzance and the Iſles of Scilly*, William Horner, Francis Truſcott, James Evans, Edward Millward, Robert Green; John Watſon, Supernumerary.

39 *Haverfordweſt*, William Cox, James Buckley, William Hicks.

40 *Swanſea*, Samuel Taylor, Wm. Pearſon, jun. James Gill.

41 *Brecon*, Cleland Kirkpatrick, John Wood.

42 *Merthyr Tydvill*, Caleb Simonds. [The preachers in Brecon and Merthyr Tydvill are to change once a month.]

43 *Birmingham*, William Thompſon, Richard Elliot, George Marſden.

44 *Dudley*, John Woodrow, James Watſon, Jonathan Barker.

45 *Shrewſbury*, George Baldwin, Thomas Blanchard.

46 *Burſlem*, John Goodwin, Richard Rodda, John Simpſon.

47 *Leek*, Thomas Hutton, William Saunderſon.

48 *Macclesfield*, George Snowden, John Booth, Robert Crowther; George Shadford, Supernumerary.

49 *Stockport*, Jeremiah Brittell, John Leech.

50 *Manchester*, Alexander Mather, Thomas Rutherford.

51 *Oldham*, Thomas Taylor, Robert Miller.

52 *Rochdale*, John Gaulter, John Denton.

53 *Bolton*, Benjamin Rhodes, John Furnace.

54 *Wigan*, Thomas Wood, William Franklin.

55 *Cheſter*, James Mc Donald, William Simpſon, Joſeph Collier.

56 *Liverpool*, Henry Moore, John Allen, Thomas Fearnley. [The ſingle men in Cheſter and Liverpool are to change every ſix weeks.]

57 *Northwich*, George Lowe, Miles Martindale.

58 *Blackburn*, Timothy Crowther, David Barrowclough.

59 *Colne*, Joſeph Entwiſtle, Jonathan Edmondſon, Charles Gloyne.

60 *Lancaſter*,

60 *Lancaſter*, Abraham Moſeley, Alex. Cummin.
61 *Leiceſter*, Simon Day, Samuel Bardſley.
62 *Hinkley*, George Sargent, Leonard Ledbrook.
63 *Caſtle-Dunnington*, John Beaumont, George Morley.
64 *Newark*, Thomas Cooper, George Dermott.
65 *Nottingham*, Thomas Hanby, Thomas Longley, Thomas Greaves.
66 *Derby*, John Nelſon, Thoma. Dunn; Joſeph Jerom, Supernumerary.
67 *Aſhby*, Jonathan Parkin, John Atkin, Thomas Rough.
68 *Sheffield*, Henry Taylor, William Bramwell.
69 *Rotherham*, George Button, John Croſby.
70 *Grimſby*, James Hall, Thomas Vaſey, William Harriſon, ſen.
71 *Horncaſtle*, Charles Bland, Thomas Stanley.
72 *Boſton*, John Wilſhaw, Iſaac Lilly.
73 *Gainſborough*, John King, Robert Smith, ſen. John Brice, Thomas Edmonds.
74 *Epworth*, Jaſper Robinſon, George Mowat, William Hunter, jun.
75 *Leeds*, Joſeph Benſon, Iſaac Brown, William Thom; William Denton, Supernumerary.
76 *Wakefield*, Wm. Miles, John Ogylvie, Michael Emmett; Thomas Hanſon, and Wm. Boothby, Supernumeraries.
77 *Huddersfield*, John Barber, Robert Lomas.
78 *Birſtal*, George Highfield, James Mc Pherſon, Parſon Greenwood; Joſeph Drake, and Thomas Johnſon, Supernumeraries.
79 *Dewſbury*, John Maſon, Robert Hopkins.
80 *Bradforth*, Robert Roberts, John Pipe; John Beanland, Supernumerary.
81 *Halifax*, John Pritchard, George Gibbon.
82 *Keighley*, Edward Jackſon, Thomas Tatterſhall.
83 *Otley*, Lancelot Harriſon, John Brittell.
84 *Whitehaven*, George Holder, John Braithwaite, John Phillips, [the ſingle men are to change with Robert Dall.]
85 *Iſle of Man*, John Barret, Arthur Hutchinſon, Samuel Harris.

86 *York*,

86 *York*, William Blagborne, Zechariah Yewdall, John Kerſhaw.

87 *Malton*, Joſeph Peſcod, Iſaac Muff, John Dutton.

88 *Pocklington*, Thomas Harriſon, William Timperley; Peter Mill, Supernumerary.

89 *Hull*, James Wood, William Percival, John Stamp.

90 *Bridlington*, William Stevens, John Hudſon.

91 *Scarborough*, Jonathan Brown, Thomas Parſons.

92 *Whitby*, Thomas Dixon, Samuel Botts; Booth Newton, Supernumerary.

93 *Ripon*, Samuel Gates, Philip Hardcaſtle.

94 *Middleham*, Robert Harriſon, James Rydal.

95 *Stockton*, John Moon, Daniel Jackſon.

96 *Barnard Caſtle*, John Peacock, John Ramſhaw, Anthony Seckerſon; Joſeph Thompſon, Supernumerary.

97 *Hexham*, William Hunter, ſen. William Hainſworth; John Forſter, Supernumerary.

98 *Sunderland*, Alexander Suter, Thomas Carlill, John Riles.

99 *Newcaſtle*, Robert Johnſon, Richard Condy.

100 *Alnwick*, Alexander Kilham, Stephen Eversfield; Robert Swan, Supernumerary.

SCOTLAND.

101 *Edinburgh*, James Bogie, Richard Waddy, George Douglas.

102 *Glaſgow*, John Townend, John Doncaſter.

103 *Dumfries*, Robert Dall.

104 *Berwick*, Matthew Lumb.

105 *Dundee*, Thomas Warwick, John Ward.

106 *Brechin*, Joſeph Saunderſon, Joſeph Croſs.

107 *Aberdeen*, William Stephenſon, Thomas Ingham.

108 *Inverneſs and Bamff*, Duncan Mc Allum, William Fenwick, Richard Thompſon.

IRELAND.

1 *Dublin*, William Mc Cornock, Wm. Smith; Matthias Joyce, Book Steward.

2 *Wicklow*,

2	*Wicklow*,	Samuel Moorhead, George Brown; James Rennick, Supernumerary.
3	*Carlow*,	Michael Murphy, John Price, John Steward.
4	*Waterford*,	Samuel Steel, Thomas Patterſon.
5	*Cork*,	Joſeph Sutcliffe, John Mc Farland.
6	*Bandon*,	John Darrah, John Hurley.
7	*Mallow*,	Archibald Murdock, William Patten.
8	*Limerick*,	John Grace, Joſeph Henning.
9	*Birr*,	Charles Graham, William Wilſon, George Stephenſon; John Brodin, Supernumerary.
10	*Caſtlebar*,	Alexander Moore, James Mc Quig.
11	*Athlone*,	Samuel Mitchel, James Jordan.
12	*Mountrath*,	William Hamilton, Francis Ruſſell.
13	*Longford*,	John Stephenſon, Joſeph Anderſon, James Mc. Keown.
14	*Sligo*,	Thomas Ridgeway, James Irwin.
15	*Ballyconnell*,	Thomas Barbor, John Hamilton.
16	*Cavan*,	Andrew Hamilton, jun. John Croſs, Thomas Mc Cleland.
17	*Clones*,	Guſtavus Armſtrong, Robert Crozier, Daniel Mc Mullen.
18	*Brookborough*,	Joſeph Armſtrong, J. Stuart.
19	*Enniſkillen*,	William Ferguſon, William Armſtrong.
20	*Balinamallard*,	Matthew Tobias, Lawrence Kane.
21	*Ballyſhannon*,	Robert Banks, James Bell.
22	*Newtown-ſtuart*,	Francis Armſtrong, Archibald Montgomery, Glenham Beech; Thomas Kerr, Supernumerary.
23	*Charlemount*,	Andrew Hamilton, ſen. John Mc Arthur, James Mc Kee.
24	*Londonderry*,	Samuel Wood, Thomas Hewitt, John Gillis.
25	*Coleraine*,	Matthew Stuart, Thomas Brown, Matthew Langtree.
26	*Belfaſt*,	John Dinnen, Robert Smith.
27	*Liſburn*,	David Gordon, James Mc Mullen.
28	*Downpatrick*,	Blakeley Dowling, James Smith.
29	*Tanderagee*,	John Kerr, Samuel Alcorn, John Clegg, John Malcomſon.
30	*Newry*,	John Crook, Robert Dougherty.

The

The British Dominions in America.

Nova Scotia, New Brunſwick, and Newfoundland,

William Black, General Aſſiſtant.

Halifax,	James Mann,
Liverpool,	Iſaac Lunsford,
Shelborne,	Daniel Fidler,
Newport,	John Mann,
Horton,	Theodore Harding,
Annapolis,	James Boyd,
St. John's,	William Jeſſop,
Fredericton,	William Grandine,
St. Stephen's,	Duncan Mc Coll,
Cumberland,	Benjamin Wilſon,
Newfoundland,	George Smith.

WEST INDIES.

Antigua, *St. Chriſtopher's,* *Nevis,*	John Baxter, William Warrenner, Richard Andrews, James Alexander, T. Dumbleton, R. Brownell.
Tortola,	Edward Turner, Thomas Iſham.
St. Vincent's,	Thomas Owens.
Barbadoes,	
Jamaica,	William Fiſh, John Mc Vean, James Penman.

N. B. John Harper, John Kingſton, and Richard Pattiſon, are removed to the Continent of America.

Q. 9. How many Wives are to be provided for?

A. One hundred and fifty.

Q. 10. How many of theſe are to be provided for by the Circuits?

A. Ninety, as follows: viz.

1. London, S. Clarke, Weſt, Collins, (T.) Broadbent.
2. Rochester, } S. Shelmerdine.
3. Canterbury, }
4. Norwich, 4l. } S. Legat.
5. Yarmouth, 8l. }
6. Rye, 6l.
7. Diſs, S. Tunnicliffe.
8. Lynn, S. Kyte.
9. Bedford, 3l.

10. Worceſterſhire, 6l.
11. Portſmouth, S. Algar.
12. Iſles of Jerſey, S. Dieuade.
13. Bath, S. Bradburn.
14. Briſtol, S. Reynolds, Hicklin, Anderſon.
15. Shepton-Mallet, S. Aſhman.
16. Taunton, 6l. } S. Byron.
17. Collumpton, 6l. }
18. Plymouth, S. (Jon.) Crowther, and 6l. } S. Kelk.
19. Redruth, S. Kane, and 6l. }
20. St. Auſtle, S. (I.) Smith.
21. Penzance, S. Horner.
22. Birmingham, S. (Wm.) Thompſon, Elliot.
23. Burſlem, S. Goodwin.
24. Macclesfield, S. Snowden, Booth.
25. Stockport, S. Brittell.
26. Mancheſter, S. Rutherford, Leech, Hutton.
27. Oldham, S. Taylor.
28. Rochdale, S. Gaulter.
29. Bolton, S. Rhodes.
30. Cheſter, S. Mc Donald.
31. Liverpool, S. Moore, Allen.
32. Northwich, S. Martendale.
33. Blackburn, S. (Tim.) Crowther.
34. Coln, S. Entwiſtle.
35. Nottingham, S. Hanby.
36. Caſtle-Dunnington, 6l. } S. Beaumont.
37. Derby, 6l. }
38. Aſbby, S. Parkin.
39. Sheffield, S. Taylor, Bramwell, Button.
40. Grimſby, S. Hall.
41. Horncaſtle, S. Bland.
42. Gainſborough, S. (Rob.) Smith.
43. Epworth, S. Mowatt.
44. Leeds, S. Benſon, Brown, Thom.
45. Wakefield, S. Myles, Ogylvie.
46. Huddersfield, S. Barber.
47. Birſtal, S. Highfield.
48. Bradford, S. Roberts.
49. Halifax, S. Pritchard.
50. Kighley, S. Tatterſhall.
51. Iſle of Man, S. Barrett.
52. York, S. Harriſon, (Jn.) Brittell.
53. Malton, S. Peſcod.

54. Pock-

54. Pocklington, } S. Mill and children.
55. Bridlington, }
56. Hull, S. Wood.
57. Whitby, S. Botts.
58. Rippon, 6l. } S. Gates.
59. Hexam, 6l. }
60. Stockton, S. Moon.
61. Sunderland, S. Suter, Ryle.
62. Newcaſtle, S. Condy, Johnſon.
63. Edinburgh, 6l. } S. Bogie.
64. Glaſgow, 6l. }
65. Ireland, S. Mc Cornock, Joyce, Price, Patterſon, Smith, Hurley, Grace, Graham, Wilſon, Mc Quige, Stephenſon 6l. Irwin, Barbor, (G.) Brown, Armſtrong, Ferguſon, Miller.

Q. 11. How are the remaining ſixty Wives to be provided for? viz. S. Heath, Couſins, Harper, Gill, Boyle, Baldwin, (Jn.) Simpſon, (R.) Miller, Barrowclough, Furnace, Simpſon, Watſon, Day, Longley, Dunn, Atkins, Nelſon, Croſby, Hunter, Drake, Greenwood, Gibbon, Hopkins, Muff, (Jon.) Brown, Dixon, Percival, (D.) Jackſon, Peacock, Ramſhaw, Seekerſon, Hunter, Hainſworth, Kilham, Townſend, Doncaſter, Dall, Lumb, Davis, Ward, Croſs, Warrick, Stephenſon, Mc Allum, Cooper, Rogerſon, (Jam.) Thom, (Jos.) Taylor, Denton, Anderſon, Bell, Kerr, Hamilton, Wood, Stuart, Dinnen, Gordon, Mc Mullen, Dowling and Crook?

A. Partly by the Subſcriptions raiſed in the Circuits, and partly by the Contingent Fund.

N. B. The Money for the Wives above-mentioned, reſident in England and Scotland, will be depoſited in the hands of Mr. Whitfield; and that for the Wives reſident in Ireland, in the hands of Meſſrs. Mc Cornock and Joyce.

Q. 12. What numbers are in the Society?

A. As follows:

London	3340	Norwich	280
Suſſex	365	Yarmouth	398
Rocheſter	389	Diſs	417
Canterbury	277	Bury	179
Colcheſter	150	Lynn	227
Harwich	193	Walſingham	237

Bedford	250	Hinchley	197
Higham Ferrars	193	Caſtle Dunnington	57
St. Ives, Hunts.	180	Nottingham	1100
Northampton	229	Newark	370
Banbury	291	Derby	580
Oxford	820	Aſhby	700
Glouceſter	333	Sheffield	1750
Worceſter	470	Rotherham	637
Saliſbury	262	Grimſby	869
Blandford	190	Horncaſtle	682
Portſmouth	500	Boſton	
Iſles of Guernſey, &c.	600	Gainſborough	950
Iſle of Alderney	622	Epworth	684
Bradford, Wilts.	414	Leeds	3450
Briſtol	1645	Wakefield	1080
Shepton Mallet	750	Huddersfield	1286
Taunton	410	Birſtal	1400
Collumpton	484	Dewſbury	820
Plymouth	584	Bradford	1430
Launceſton	300	Halifax	1500
St. Auſtle	920	Keighley	1360
Redruth	1858	Otley	1100
Penzance, &c.	1395	Whitehaven	400
Pembroke	136	Iſle of Man	2433
Glamorgan	290	York	1220
Brecon	121	Malton	730
Birmingham	1207	Pocklington	940
Dudley	445	Hull	1280
Shrewſbury	420	Bridlington	450
Boſlom	1300	Scarborough	500
Leek	460	Whitby	530
Macclesfield	1355	Thirſk	978
Stockport	1400	Stockton	625
Manchester	3300	Barnard Caſtle	560
Oldham	1070	Hexham	789
Bolton	1080	Sunderland	1028
Wiggan	430	Newcaſtle	800
Cheſter	560	Alnwick	320
Liverpool	982	Edinburgh	180
Northwich	624	Glaſgow	151
Blackburn	993	Air	32
Coln	1120	Dumfries	36
Lancaſter	53	Berwick, &c.	62
Leiceſter	287	Dundee	105

Brecon	68	Clones	755
Aberdeen	290	Brookborough	565
Bamff	170	Enniskillen	386
Inverness	104	Balinamallard	592
Dublin	1030	Ballyshannon	356
Wicklow	145	Newtown-Stuart	735
Carlow	445	Gharlemount	1200
Waterford	254	Londonderry	260
Cork	360	Inniſowen	100
Bandon	162	Coleraine	283
Mallow	175	Ballymena	285
Limerick	226	Belfaſt	550
Birr	264	Liſburn	825
Aughrim	270	Downpatrick	510
Caſtlebar	223	Tanderagee	1030
Athlone	920	Newry	460
Longford	450		
Sligo	3 0	In all,	90,347
Ballyconnell	460		
Cavan	680		

AMERICA.

The Britiſh Dominions.

Nova Scotia and New Brunſwick.			
Halifax	133	Coloured People	7
Liverpool	70	Blacks	2279
Shelburne	180	*Barbadoes*, Whites	34
Horton	94	Coloured People	7
Newport	78	Blacks	10
Cumberland	150	*Grenada*,	80
Annapolis	105	*St. Vincent's*, * Whites	4
St. John	118	Coloured People and Blacks	450
Frederiſton	100	*Dominica*,	20
St. Stephen's	52	*St. Chriſtopher's*, Whites	13
St. John's Iſland	20	Coloured People and Blacks	1410
Newfoundland	200	*Nevis*,	400
Antigua, Whites	36		

* This Iſland and Grenada are now in ſo dreadful a ſtate, that the work of God ſeems quite at a ſtand. But we doubt not, that, as ſoon as peace is eſtabliſhed, religion will again lift up its head. In the other Iſlands, it ſtill flouriſhes, and deepens.

Montſerratt,	12	Coloured People	46
Tortola, Whites	6	Blacks	170
Coloured People and Blacks	2250	In all,	8,656
Jamaica, Whites	24		

In the STATES *of* AMERICA.

	Whites	Blacks
Dover Circuit	930	507
Milford	781	319
Somerſett	553	87
Northampton	616	249
Annameſſex	345	85
Dorſett	534	431
Talbot	635	330
Caroline	446	236
Queen Ann's	573	467
Kent	372	467
Cecil	434	321
Hartford	519	219
Baltimore	695	123
Baltimore Town	440	207
Federal	732	565
Annapolis	120	190
Calvert	682	1102
Prince George	110	205
Huntingdon	191	2
Bath	290	22
Montgomery	685	340
Frederick	365	90
Little-York and Carliſle	276	7
Leeſburg	55	12
Fell's-Point	96	35
Alexandria	60	40
Wincheſter	451	111
Fairfax	540	50
Stafford	324	42
Lancaſter	552	180
Pendleton	67	3
Berkley	526	72
Rockingham	364	33
Alleghany	285	14
Amherſt	341	10
Orange	642	74
Hanover	532	81
Glouceſter	713	81
Williamſburg	423	121
Amelia	515	103
Greenſville	878	360
Suſſex	1285	1069
Portſmouth	651	367
Bertie	616	176
Camden	480	304
Brunſwick	586	216
Cumberland	312	7
Norfolk	119	154
Peterſburg	52	28
Banks	203	16
Richmond and Mancheſter	23	4
Saliſbury	543	21
Jadkin and Swanino	702	12
Anſon	249	36
Roan Oak	464	423
Tar River	570	103
Goſhen	355	34
Pamlico	488	92
Mattamaſkeet	198	
Bladen	480	55
Quotankney	316	74
Trent	597	327
New-Hope	666	102
Guilford	631	51
Caſwell	477	58
Franklin	514	86
Great Pee Dee	291	127
Little Pee Dee	500	91
Santee	254	149
Union	483	57
Catawba	180	5
Charleſton	60	220
Ediſto	452	100
Buſh River	245	7
Broad River	435	68
Seleuda	333	23
Cherokee	204	
George-Town	53	103
Waſhington	389	128
Richmond	650	111
Burk and Oconey	523	31
Blackſwamp	120	
Holſtein	257	18
New-River	255	18

	Whites	Blacks		Whites	Blacks
Ruſſel	145	4	Dutcheſs	406	10
Green	300	7	Albany	475	5
Lexington	410	20	Columbia	25	2
Danville	447	19	Fairfield	220	
Hinkſtone	270	5	Croton	283	
Limeſtone	374	6	N. Rochelle	364	11
Cumberland	400	30	Long Iſland	250	34
Salt-River	350	8	Staten Iſland	70	
Bedford	345	41	Elizabeth-Town	199	12
Botetout	470	30	Flanders	258	3
Greenbrier	107	7	Newburgh	430	13
Cowpaſture	50	8	New-York	575	135
Clarkſburg	334	4	Delaware	290	
Ohio	221	1	Freehold	453	24
Waſhington	222	6	Salem	586	94
Redſtone	278	7	Bethel	404	11
Pittſburg	150	1	Trenton	156	18
Boſton	45	4	Burlington	383	15
Needham	76		Briſtol	211	6
Lynn	149		Cheſter	200	19
Greenwich	30		Lancaſter	256	4
Warren	127		Wilmington	90	55
New-London	219		Philadelphia	301	66
Middleton	187		Northumberland	310	1
Litchfield	195		Tioga	113	
Tolland	334		Wyoming	183	
Granville	148		Seneca-Lake	81	
Pittsfield	305		Britiſh Dominions		
Cambridge	412				
Saratoga	160		Upper Canada	116	
Otſego	140		Lower-Circuit		
Harkemer	182	2	Midland-Circuit	216	2
Total number of Whites and Blacks,				51,694	13,814

AFRICA.

Sierra Leone, Coloured People - - - 223

Total in Europe,	90347
Total in America,	74164
Total in Africa,	400
In all,	164,911

Q. 13. What is the Kingſwood-Collection?

A. £1350 14 6.

Q. 14. What Children are admitted this Year?

A. Joſeph

A. Joſeph Algar and Theophilus Leſſey.

Q. 15. What can we allow at preſent for the Education of the Preacher's Children who cannot be admitted into Kingſwood-School.

A. £348.

Q. 16. What Sons of Preachers, who are not admitted into Kingſwood-School, have an allowance for their Education?

A. William Thompſon, 12l. Joſeph Benſon, 12l. John Benſon, 12l. Thomas Taylor, 12l. Robert Hopkins, 12l. Thomas Henry Taylor, 12l. Robert Taylor, 12l. John M'Allum, 12l. William Blair, for two years, 24l. William Weſt, 12l. John Dall, 12l. William Black's Son, for two years, 24l. James Thom, 12l. William Percival, 12l. Jonathan Weſt and Matthew Stuart, 9l. 17. In all, 201l. 16s.

Q. 17. What is allowed for the Education of the Daughters of Preachers?

A. For Sarah Day, 3d year, 6l. Hannah Pritchard, 3d year, 6l. Martha Longley, 3d year, 6l. Jane Longley, 2d year, 6l. Jane Wiltſhaw, 2d year, 6l. Elizabeth Kane, 2d year, 6l. Martha Kane, 2d year, 6l. Eſther Leſſey, 2d year, 6l. Ann Martindale, 2d year, 6l. Sarah Pritchard, 2d year, 6l. Eſther Roberts, 2d year, 6l. Ann Benſon, 2d year, 6l. Iſabella Watſon, 2d year, 6l. Sarah Condy, 2d year, 6l. Jane Jackſon, 2d year, 6l. Lettitia Hall, 2d year, 6l. Ann Graham, 2d year, 6l. Ann Creighton, 2d year, 6l. Sophia Moon, 1ſt year, 6l. Ann Kirkpatrick, 1ſt year, 6l. Heſter Ann Rogers, 1ſt year, 6l. Martha Goodwin, 1ſt year, 6l. Elizabeth Day, 1ſt year, 6l. Lucy Gibbon, 1ſt year, 6l. Elizabeth Mill, 1ſt year, 6l. Margaret Price, 1ſt year, 6l. Catharine Thomſon, 6l. In all, £162.

Q. 18. What is contributed for the Preacher's Fund?

A. Subſcriptions by the People,		882	6	0
Ditto.	by the Preachers,	406	10	6
	In all,	£1288	16	6

Q. 19. What is allowed out of it?

A. To Siſter Weſtell	£15	0	0
Thomas Hanſon	20	0	0

John

John Furz	15	0	0
Ann Morgan	24	0	0
Lucy Burke	15	0	0
Mary Pennington	12	0	0
Elizabeth Dillon	12	0	0
Sarah Barry	15	0	0
Sarah Naylor	10	0	0
Sarah Mitchell	15	0	0
Thomas Johnſon	7	7	0
Chriſtopher Hopper	30	0	0
John Poole	30	0	0
James Chriſtie	12	0	0
William Boothby	12	0	0
Thomas Briſco	30	0	0
John Watſon	12	0	0
Thomas Wride	20	0	0
Thomas Oliver	24	0	0
George Shadford	23	0	0
Ann Wright	15	0	0
Chriſtopher Watkins	23	0	0
Suſanna Watkinſon	16	0	0
George Wadſworth	12	0	0
Mary Empringham	12	0	0
Siſter Broadbent	22	0	0
Siſter Tennant	23	0	0
Margaret Shaw	30	0	0
Joſeph Thompſon	29	0	0
Joſeph Jerom	12	0	0
Robert Coſterdine	29	0	0
Robert Hayward	19	0	0
Mary Marſhall	12	0	0
Siſter Butterfield	12	0	0
Siſter Hodgſon	16	0	0
Siſter Boone	24	0	0
Siſter Miller	12	0	0
Booth Newton	12	0	0
William Denton	12	0	0
Siſter Garnet	12	0	0
John Eaſton	33	0	0
Peter Mill	12	0	0
Siſter Pearce	12	0	0

IRELAND.

Samuel Bates	12	0	0
John Bredin	12	0	0
Mary Blair	16	0	0
James Rennick	12	0	0
Sister Miller	14	0	0
Matthias Joyce	12	0	0
Thomas Kerr	12	0	0
John Malcomson	12	0	0
In all,	866	7	0

Q. 20. What is contributed for the yearly expences?

A. £1431 15 3.

Q. 21. What has been expended on account of this Fund?

A. For deficiences on account of sickness, - - - - - - £334 19 6

Removal of Families, - - 176 2 9

Expences in travelling, - - - 286 8 8

Deficiencies in the Salaries of the Preachers, of Preachers' Wives, and of the Children, - - - - - 1048 6 10

Servants for Preachers with Families, not provided for by the Circuits, - - 146 11 6

Rents, - - - - - - 506 15 $3\frac{1}{2}$

Law at Great Bardfield - - 33 0 0

Ireland - - - - - 1032 9 4

Sundries in England - - - 10 12 6

In all, 3575 5 $7\frac{1}{2}$

Q. 22. What Circuits were deficient in providing for their respective Preachers and Families, and the Sums allowed to each of those Circuits from the contingent Fund?

	£	s	d		£	s	d
A. London	6	6	0	Worcester	6	0	0
Rye	10	0	0	Salisbury	26	15	10
Rochester	32	1	6	Portsmouth	76	10	6
Canterbury	3	3	0	Bath	6	6	0
Colchester	28	11	0	Bradford, Wilts.	28	11	0
Harwich,	65	3	9	Bristol	36	15	9

Norwich

	£	s	d
Norwich	44	5	6
Yarmouth	25	7	0
Diſs	25	12	6
Bury	11	12	2
Lynn	20	0	0
Walſingham	27	6	8
Bedford	7	4	0
St. Ives, Hunts.	9	9	0
Northampton	17	11	3
Banbury	24	0	0
Oxford and Newbury	48	3	0
Glouceſter	12	0	0
Bolton	2	12	6
Wiggan	2	13	6
Cheſter	20	13	10
Liverpool	25	4	0
Northwich	40	12	7
Blackburn	31	14	0
Colne	8	10	0
Lancaſter	22	8	0
Leiceſter	47	5	0
Hinkley	36	7	8
Caſtle Dunnington	23	8	0
Newark	20	8	0
Nottingham	26	7	5
Derby	59	7	6
Rotherham	46	18	0
Grimſby	16	6	0
Horncaſtle	47	7	4
Gainſborough	28	8	0
Epworth	24	3	9
Leeds	7	7	0
Wakefield	12	0	0
Keighley	44	0	10
Otley	22	1	0
Shepton Mallet	24	0	0
Taunton	14	3	6
Collumpton	10	10	0
Launceſton	5	5	0
St. Auſtle	27	4	4
Redruth	24	3	0
Swanſea	20	17	6
Brecon	24	1	6
Birmingham	8	8	0
Dudley	85	9	9
Shrewſbury	53	12	0
Burſlem	33	10	8
Oldham	20	4	0
Whitehaven	26	3	0
Iſle of Man	7	3	0
York	17	5	0
Malton	34	7	0
Pocklington	5	5	0
Hull	12	0	0
Bridlington	66	9	0
Scarborough	28	16	0
Barnard Caſtle	68	19	5
Hexham	65	12	8
Sunderland	10	10	0
Alnwick	21	3	0
Edinburgh	29	9	6
Glaſgow	16	11	0
Dumfries	42	15	0
Berwick and Kelſo	68	10	9
Dundee	66	6	6
Brechin	43	18	0
Aberdeen	25	5	0
Inverneſs & Bamff	154	17	0
Law at Preſton	20	0	0

Q. 28. What directions ſhall be given concerning the attendance of Preachers at the Conference.

A. 1. Only one Preacher ſhall attend the Conference from *Scotland*, viz. one year an Aſſiſtant from this ſide of the Forth, and the next year one from the other ſide.

2. Only one Preacher ſhall attend from *Wales*, except when the Conference is at Briſtol, at which all the Aſſiſtants may attend.

3. Only two ſhall attend from *Cornwall*, except when the Conference is at Briſtol.

4. Only one ſhall attend from each Diſtrict *north of York*, except when the Conference is at Leeds or Manchester.

5. Only one ſhall attend from each Diſtrict *ſouth and ſouth-eaſt of London*, except when the Conference is at London.

6. Only one ſhall attend from the Lincolnſhire-Diſtrict, when the Conference is at Briſtol.

7. With reſpect to the other *Diſtricts* and *Circuits*, we confirm the rule recorded in the Minutes of the Conference of laſt year, page 26th. queſtion 23d. viz. The Diſtrict-Committees reſpectively ſhall from year to year fix upon the Preachers, who are to attend the Conference; and the expences of their going to and returning from the Conference ſhall be defrayed by their reſpective Circuits.

8. In reſpect to thoſe, who are to be admitted from time to time —— thoſe who ſhall be *weſt of Briſtol and in Wales* ſhall be admitted only in the Briſtol-Conference: thoſe who ſhall be *ſouth and eaſt of London and in the neighbourhood* ſhall be admitted there; and thoſe *in the north* at Mancheſter and Leeds.

9. Nothing in the above-reſolutions ſhall be conſtrued to prevent thoſe Preachers from attending the Conference, againſt whom there lies any accuſation or complaint.

10. In order that all the Preachers may be perfectly eaſy reſpecting our form of government, it is agreed that no change ſhall be made in this, unleſs firſt propoſed and agreed to in full Conference.

Q. 24. What direction ſhall be given concerning the ſupplying of the Circuits with Preachers?

A. No Circuit ſhall have more Preachers than it can ſupport, unleſs in caſe of ſome extraordinary burden in reſpect to Wives and Children; the Circuits in Scotland and Wales, and ſuch as are poor in Ireland, being always excepted.

Q. 25. What direction ſhall be given concerning the building of Preaching-houſes?

A. No

A. No ſtep ſhall be taken towards the building of Preaching-houſes without the conſent of the Conference firſt obtained, except as further ſpecified in theſe Minutes.

Q. 26. What directions ſhall be given concerning the Books?

A. 1. Every Preacher, who has the care of Books, ſhall remit all the money he can to Mr. Whitfield before or at Chriſtmas.

2. All the Intereſt which is due to the Preachers' Fund, ſhall be paid out of the Book-room the next year.

To the Members of the Methodiſt Societies.

Very dear Brethren,

YOU ſee here a very large deficiency, ariſing from the great and (as things are) unavoidable demands upon the Yearly Collection, which is raiſed amongſt us for ſending and ſupporting the Goſpel in Scotland, Wales and thoſe parts of Ireland, where the People are willing to hear, but from their indigent circumſtances are unable to ſupport thoſe who miniſter to them the Word of Life, all the burdens of which might be borne by the means of that Collection; tho' they are very much increaſed of late, by the neceſſity the Conference has been under of calling out many more Preachers, than they formerly were accuſtomed to do. But you will eaſily ſee from the above ſtatement, that demands of a ſimilar nature have been made by a great number of Circuits in England, which have been multiplying every year, both before and ſince the death of our venerable Father. Inſomuch as, notwithſtanding he laid up nothing of the profits ariſing from what he publiſhed; but, as it increaſed, laid it out in that way he judged beſt for the carrying on the work, and ſupporting thoſe Preachers and their Families who were not ſupported by the Circuits where they laboured: yet he was obliged for many years before his death, to take a *very* conſiderable part of what many of you ſo cheerfully contributed for the ſupport of thoſe Preachers, who had continued in your ſervice

as long as they were able, and the Widows of such as had died in the work.

It is true, many of you who knew, that the money you had subscribed for the above-ends, was so applied, were grieved, and a few perhaps offended, as judging it unjust thus to lay it out. But when we told him so, he was used to answer, "What can I do? Must the "work stand still? The men and their families can- "not starve? I have no money! Here it is: we "must use it. It is for the Lord's work, &c. &c."

In such circumstances we could not refuse helping him, and in him the work of God, and also our distressed Brethren who were engaged with us in that work; only keeping an account from year to year of what was so advanced, which at his death was a considerable sum, besides the simple interest due upon it; which, as Stewards for you, and also for those, for whom you gave it, *we had no right* to give up: especially as the demands upon the fund for Superannuated or Worn-out Preachers, and the Widows of Preachers, are increasing every year; and are very likely to do so more abundantly. Should any say, "Now the case is "altered. All the profits of the Books, which must "amount to a very considerable sum yearly, are to be "applied in defraying those expences. And this is "enough for all, and to spare!"

As there is nothing more desired by us, than that all our deeds be brought to the light, especially when any satisfaction may thereby be afforded to the world, and more especially to our own Societies or any individuals therein, whose minds may have been hurt by misrepresentations of this kind, the present may be a favourable opportunity for so doing. We will therefore make a few observations upon the occasion, and state the case just as it is, and leave all men to pass an impartial judgment on it.

1. It is true, that by Will and Deed, Mr. Wesley did appoint, that after the payment of his just debts, the profits arising from the sale of the Books, Tracts, &c. which he left behind him, should be expended in carrying on the Work of God.

2. It is as true, that, at his death, he owed to the Widow and Children of his Brother Charles Wesley sixteen hundred pounds.

3. It

3. It is equally true, that an agreement was made between the Executor of Mr. Charles Weſley, and thoſe who by virtue of the Deed were obliged to become Executors of the Books, &c. of Mr. John Weſley, that, to ſecure the widow and children of the ſaid Charles Weſley, and *free them* from *all uneaſineſs*, the above ſixteen hundred pounds ſhould be paid into the hands of Mr. John Collinſon as acting Executor for them: which was done ſome time about November, 1791, or as ſoon after as the money could be raiſed.

4. It is no leſs true, that this ſwallowed up all that was the ſtock of the Preachers' Fund *at that* time, and ſeveral hundreds more. Now the whole of this was in the Book-room. From whence it was natural to ſuppoſe, (1.) That the *ſimple intereſt* (if not the principal) of the ſundry ſums advanced from year to year *for ten years* before the death of Mr. Weſley, as well as of what was advanced in the inſtance juſt mentioned, ſhould have been *all* cleared up before a ſhilling of the profits ariſing from the ſale of the Books was applied in any other way.

But ſtrange as it may appear to many, the caſe is, (2.) That inſtead of having been able to get one ſingle ſhilling for intereſt out of the Book-room ſince the death of Mr. Weſley, we have *every year* ſince that time ſunk in debt in carrying on the Work between four and five hundred pounds, and in 1791 between five and ſix hundred, over and above all we could draw out of the Book-room for that end.

This is our caſe as to the Book-room and Preachers' Fund.* Witneſs our hands,

ALEXANDER MATHER,
JOHN PAWSON,
Stewards of the Preachers' Fund.

Now, very dear Brethren, you ſee, the Conference was not precipitate in making the reſolutions, which precede this Addreſs: and that, in order to be juſt, we muſt (at leaſt for the preſent) ſacredly adhere to them; being well aſſured, God who calls us to carry on his work, requires of us to uſe every prudential

* After having examined the Fund-Books, and carefully compared them.

means, as well as to exercise faith in Him; who, we have no doubt, will, in the use of proper means, bring us through every difficulty. Nor can you be more alarmed at the above, than we were, when we came to view the vast deficiency which *must* be made up out of the Book-room *this year*, after sinking all the surplus of the Contributions for the Preachers' Fund, and endeavouring to put off every person, we possibly could, to a remoter period of the year, for their just claims of sundry kinds upon the Contingent Fund or Yearly Collection.

This being the case, all our brethren will see it necessary to attend to what has been resolved upon in the Conference, respecting the Preachers and circuits, and in making their remittances to Mr. Whitfield at the time he desires.

Q. 27. What directions shall be given concerning the keeping of the Lord's Day holy?

A. We are afraid, that some of our People are not sufficiently attentive to this Ordinance of God. We therefore strongly recommend the religious observance of that sacred day; and desire our Assistants to exclude every Person from the Society, who buys or sells on the Lord's Day, unless the Sin be acknowledged and forsaken; except in the cases of Medicine for the Sick, or of supplying necessaries for Funerals.

Q. 28. What directions shall be given concerning those received upon trial, who have been inserted in the reserved List, and have been called out in the course of the ensuing year?

A. If they shall have travelled nine months in the year ensuing, they shall be entitled to the privileges of those who have travelled the whole year; but not otherwise.

Q. 29. Who are the Book-Committee:

A. The Preachers stationed in London; the Corresponding Members are Joseph Bradford, Alexander Mather, Thomas Hanby, William Thompson, Thomas Taylor, John Allen, Joseph Benson, Samuel Bradburn, Richard Rodda, Henry Moore, Benjamin Rhodes, John Moone, Henry Taylor, John Gaultier, Miles Martindale.

Q. 30.

Q. 30. What directions ſhall be given concerning the adminiſtration of the Lord's Supper?

A. The Lord's Supper ſhall be adminiſtered by the Aſſiſtant only, or ſuch of his Helpers who are in full connexion, as he ſhall appoint; provided no Preacher be required to give it againſt his approbation: And ſhould it be granted to any place, where the Preachers on the Circuit are all unwilling to give it, the Aſſiſtant ſhall in that caſe invite a neighbouring Preacher, who is properly qualified, to adminiſter it.

Q. 31. What directions ſhall be given concerning the appointment of Stewards?

A. As ſeveral inconveniences have ariſen reſpecting the change of Stewards, To remedy this, let it be obſerved, that the Office of a Steward ceaſes at the end of the year: And every Aſſiſtant is required to change at leaſt one Steward every year, ſo that no Steward may be in office above two years together, except in ſome extraordinary caſes.

Q. 32. What directions ſhall be given concerning the uſe of Tobacco?

A. 1. No Preacher ſhall uſe Tobacco for ſmoaking, for chewing, or in ſnuff, unleſs it be preſcribed by a Phyſician.

2. Our People are requeſted, not to introduce Pipes and Tobacco into their Houſes for Preachers, except in extreme caſes.

Q. 33. Who are the Chairmen of the Diſtricts?

A. 1 *London*, John Pawſon
2 *Norwich*, Charles Kyte
3 *Northampton*, Jonathan Couſſins
4 *Briſtol*, Joſeph Bradford
5 *Birmingham*, William Thompſon
6 *Saliſbury*, William Holmes
7 *Iſles of Jerſey, &c.* William Palmer
8 *Plymouth*, Jonathan Crowther
9 *Redruth*, William Horner
10 *Pembroke*, William Cox
11 *Cheſter*, Richard Rodda
12 *Mancheſter*, Alexander Mather
13 *Halifax*, John Pritchard
14 *Nottingham*, Thomas Hanby
15 *Leeds*, William Thom
16 *Grimſby*, Jaſper Robinſon

17 *Whitehaven*, George Holder
18 *York*, James Wood
19 *Whitby*, Thomas Dixon
20 *Newcaſtle*, William Hunter
21 *Edinburgh*, Matthew Lumb
22 *Aberdeen*, Duncan Mc Allum.

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23 *Dublin*, William Mc Cornock
24 *Cork*, Joſeph Sutcliffe
25 *Limerick*, John Grace
26 *Athlone*, Samuel Mitchell
27 *Clones*, Guſtavus Armſtrong
28 *Londonderry*, Samuel Wood
29 *Coleraine*, John Dinnen
30 *Charlemount*, Andrew Hamilton, Sen.

Q. 34. Who are the Committee for Kingſwood-School?

A. Joſeph Bradford, Joſeph Cole, Charles Atmore, Samuel Bradburn, James Rogers.

Q. 35. Who is appointed to preſide at the next Iriſh Conference?

A. Thomas Coke, who is authorized to viſit the Iriſh circuits the enſuing year.

Q. 36. What directions ſhall be given concerning the collections?

A. 1. It is deſired, that the money collected in each circuit for the yearly collection, for Kingſwood-School, and the Preacher's Fund, be entered in the General Steward's books in their reſpective circuits. 2. It is agreed, that the benefit of the late Act of Parliament reſpecting charitable funds, ſhall be taken in behalf of the Preachers' Fund.

Q. 37. What directions ſhall be given concerning our public Faſts?

A. 1. A public Faſt ſhall be held on the firſt Friday after Michaelmas and every other regular Quarter-day.

2. That we may be favoured with the direction and bleſſing of God on our important work at the Conference, it is agreed, that on the morning of the firſt day of the Conference the Preſident and Secretary ſhall be choſen, and the reſt of the day be dedicated to faſting and prayer, And it is deſired, that our Societies

ties and congregations may join us in the ſolemn duties of the day.

Q. 38. What time are the Delegates of the Diſtricts to meet in London, to draw up the rough Plan of the Stations of the Preachers?

A. On the Wedneſday-morning preceding the next Conference.

Q. 39. When and where ſhall the next Conference be held?

A. In London, on the laſt Monday in July, 1796.

To the Members of the Methodiſt Society.

Dearly beloved Brethren,

WE beg leave to ſtate to you, what has been done in our preſent Conference, in order to eſtabliſh a general and laſting Peace and Union throughout our Connection.

When we aſſembled together, our hearts were moſt deeply touched with the awful ſituation of our affairs. We trembled at the thought of a diviſion, and its dreadful conſequences; and therefore determined to ſet apart the firſt day of the Conference, as a day of ſolemn and real faſting and prayer. God was indeed in the midſt of us; and we all felt a confidence, that a ſolid foundation would be laid for laſting Peace and Unity.

When we met in Conference on the ſecond day, we ſaw the neceſſity of appointing a Committee, to prepare a Plan of general Pacification: and, that the Committee might be the men of our own choice, in the fulleſt ſenſe of the words, we reſolved that they ſhould be choſen by ballot. Every Preacher, therefore, in full connection, gave in nine papers, with a name upon each (nine being the predetermined number of the Committee.) The ballots were received, and Meſſrs. Mather and Pawſon were deſired to retire, and count the votes. When they returned, they gave in the following names, as the firſt upon the liſt: viz. Joſeph Bradford, who was Preſident, John Pawſon, Alexander Mather, Thomas Coke, William Thompſon, Samuel Bradburn, Joſeph Benſon, Henry Moore, and Adam Clarke.

Clarke. We were aſtoniſhed at the choice, and clearly ſaw it was of God. It evidenced beyond a doubt the impartiality of the body of Preachers: for there muſt have exiſted a majority, on one ſide or the other, in reſpect to the diſputed points; and yet they voted for a *mixed* Committee. The Committee accordingly met ſix evenings ſucceſſively: and ſat each evening, after all the fatigues of the Conference, for about three hours and a half. Their plan was at laſt completed, and laid before the Conference; who, with the alteration of a ſingle article, paſſed them unanimouſly. After this, two or three articles more were agreed upon, under the title of *Addenda*, in order to give the completeſt ſatisfaction, and to remove every obſtacle to a laſting peace.

ARTICLES of AGREEMENT for GENERAL PACIFICATION.

I. Concerning the LORD'S SUPPER, BAPTISM, &c.

1. The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper ſhall not be adminiſtered in any chapel, except the majority of the Truſtees of that chapel on the one hand, and the majority of the Stewards and Leaders belonging to that Chapel (as the beſt qualified to give the ſenſe of the people) on the other hand, allow of it. Nevertheleſs, in all caſes, the conſent of the Conference ſhall be obtained, before the Lord's Supper be adminiſtered.

2. Wherever there is a ſociety, but no chapel, if the majority of the Stewards and Leaders of that Society teſtify, that it is the wiſh of the people that the Lord's Supper ſhould be adminiſtered to them, their deſire ſhall be gratified: provided, that the conſent of the Conference be previouſly obtained.

3. Provided nevertheleſs, that in Mount Pleaſant chapel in Liverpool, and in all other chapels, where the Lord's Supper has been already peaceably adminiſtered, the adminiſtration of it ſhall be continued in future.

4. The adminiſtration of Baptiſm, the Burial of the Dead, and Service in church-hours, ſhall be determined according to the regulations above mentioned.

5. Wherever the Lord's Supper ſhall be adminiſtered according to the before mentioned regulations, it ſhall always

always be continued, except the Conference order the contrary.

6. The Lord's Supper ſhall be adminiſtered by thoſe *only* who are authorized by the Conference; and at ſuch times and in ſuch manner *only*, as the Conference ſhall appoint.

7. The adminiſtration of Baptiſm and the Lord's Supper, according to the above regulations, is intended only for the Members of our own Society.

8. We agree, that the Lord's Supper be adminiſtered among us, on Sunday evenings only: except where the majority of the Stewards and Leaders deſire it in church-hours; or where it has already been adminiſtered in thoſe hours. Nevertheſs, it ſhall never be adminiſtered on thoſe Sundays, on which it is adminiſtered in the parochial church.

9. The Lord's Supper ſhall be always adminiſtered in England according to the Form of the Eſtabliſhed Church: but the perſon who adminiſters, ſhall have full liberty to give out hymns, and to uſe exhortation and extemporary prayer.

10. Wherever Divine Service is performed in England on the Lord's Day in church-hours, the officiating Preacher ſhall read either the Service of the Eſtabliſhed Church, our venerable Father's Abridgement, or at leaſt the Leſſons appointed by the Calendar. But we recommend either the full Service, or the Abridgement.

II. CONCERNING DISCIPLINE.

1. The appointment of Preachers ſhall remain ſolely with the Conference; and no Truſtee, or number of Truſtees ſhall expel or exclude from their chapel or chapels, any Preachers ſo appointed.

2. Nevertheleſs, if the majority of the Truſtees, or the majority of the Stewards and Leaders of any ſociety, believe that any Preacher appointed for their circuit, is immoral, erroneous in doctrines, deficient in abilities, or that he has broken any of the rules above mentioned, they ſhall have authority to ſummon the Preachers of the Diſtrict, and all the Truſtees, Stewards, and Leaders of the circuit, to meet in their chapel on a day and hour appointed (ſufficient time being

being given.) The Chairman of the Diſtrict ſhall be the Preſident of the aſſembly: and every Preacher, Truſtee, Steward, and Leader, ſhall have a ſingle vote, the Chairman poſſeſſing alſo the caſting voice. And if the majority of the meeting judge, that the accuſed Preacher is immoral, erroneous in doctrines, deficient in abilities, or has broken any of the rules above mentioned, he ſhall be conſidered as removed from that circuit: and the Diſtrict-committee ſhall, as ſoon as poſſible, appoint another Preacher for that circuit, inſtead of the Preacher ſo removed; and ſhall determine among themſelves how the removed Preacher ſhall be diſpoſed off till the Conference, and ſhall have authority to ſuſpend the ſaid Preacher from all public duties till the Conference, if they judge proper. The Diſtrict-committee ſhall alſo ſupply as well as poſſible the place of the removed Preacher, till another Preacher be appointed. And the Preacher thus appointed, and all other Preachers, ſhall be ſubject to the above mode of trial. And if the Diſtrict-committee do not appoint a Preacher for that circuit, inſtead of the removed Preacher, within a month after the aforeſaid removal, or do not fill up the place of the removed Preacher, till another Preacher be appointed, the majority of the ſaid Truſtees, Stewards, and Leaders, being again regularly ſummoned, ſhall appoint a Preacher for the ſaid circuit, provided he be a Member of the Methodiſt Connection, till the enſuing Conference.

3. If any Preacher refuſe to ſubmit to the above mode of trial, in any of the caſes mentioned above, he ſhall be conſidered as ſuſpended till the Conference. And if any Truſtees expel from any chapel a Preacher, by their own *ſeparate* authority, the Preachers appointed for that circuit ſhall not preach in that chapel till the enſuing Conference, or till a trial take place according to the mode mentioned above.

4. If any Truſtees expel or exclude a Preacher, by their own *ſeparate* authority, from any chapel in any circuit, the Chairman of the Diſtrict ſhall ſummon the Members of the Diſtrict-committee, the Truſtees of that circuit who have not offended, and the Stewards and Leaders of the circuit. And the Members of ſuch aſſembly ſhall examine into the evidence on both ſides; and if the majority of them determine, that the

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ſtate of the ſociety in which the excluſion took place, requires that a new chapel ſhould be built previous to the meeting of the Conference, every proper ſtep ſhall be immediately taken for erecting ſuch chapel. And no ſtep ſhall on any account be taken to erect a chapel for *ſuch purpoſe*, before the meeting of the Conference, till ſuch meeting be ſummoned, and ſuch determination be made.

5. No Preacher ſhall be ſuſpended or removed from his circuit by any Diſtrict-committee, except he have the privilege of the trial before mentioned.

6. The hundred Preachers mentioned in the Enrolled Deed, and their ſucceſſors, are the only *legal* perſons, who conſtitute the Conference: and we think the junior brethren have no reaſon to object to this propoſition, as they are regularly elected according to ſeniority.

7. Inaſmuch as in drawing up the preceding regulations, we have laboured to reſtore and preſerve the peace and unity of the ſociety, and, in order thereto, have endeavoured to keep the Preachers out of all diſputes on the ſubjects therein ſpecified, Be it underſtood, that any Preacher, who ſhall diſturb the peace of the ſociety, by ſpeaking for or againſt the introduction of the Lord's Supper in our ſocieties, or concerning the old or new plan, ſo called, ſhall be ſubject to the trial and penalties before mentioned.

8. And in order that the utmoſt impartiality may be manifeſt in theſe regulations for the peace of the whole body, We alſo reſolve, that if any local preacher, truſtee, ſteward, or leader, ſhall diſturb the peace of the ſociety, by ſpeaking for or againſt the introduction of the Lord's Supper, or concerning the old or new plan, ſo called, the aſſiſtant of the circuit, or the majority of the truſtees, ſtewards, and leaders of the ſociety ſo diſturbed, ſhall have authority to ſummon a meeting of the travelling preachers of the circuit, and the truſtees, ſtewards, and leaders of that ſociety. Evidence ſhall be examined on both ſides; and if the charge be proved, the aſſiſtant preacher ſhall expel from the ſociety the perſon ſo offending.

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1. The Conference by no means wiſhes to divide any ſociety, by the introduction of the Lord's Supper, and therefore expect that the majority of the ſtewards and leaders, who deſire the Lord's Supper among themſelves, teſtify in writing to the Conference, that they are perſuaded no ſeparation will be made thereby.

2. The Sacrament ſhall not be adminiſtered to a ſociety in any private houſe, within two miles of any Methodiſt chapel, in which it is regularly adminiſtered.

3. We all agree, that the pulpit ſhall not be a vehicle of abuſe.

4. It has been our general cuſtom, never to appoint or remove a leader or ſteward, without firſt conſulting the leaders and ſtewards of the ſociety; and we are reſolved to walk by the ſame rule.

5. To prevent as much as poſſible the progreſs of *ſtrife* and *debate*, and conſequent diviſions in our connection, no pamphlet or printed letter ſhall be circulated among us, without the author's name, *and the poſtage or carriage paid*.

6. Nothing contained in theſe rules, ſhall be conſtrued to violate the rights of the truſtees, as expreſſed in their reſpective deeds.

Thus, beloved brethren, have we done our utmoſt to ſatisfy every party, and to unite the whole. You, by your truſtees on the one hand, and your proper repreſentatives the leaders and ſtewards on the other, are to determine concerning the introduction of the Sacraments, or the ſervice in church-hours, among yourſelves. We have gone abundantly farther. We have in ſome degree depoſited our characters and uſefulneſs in your hands, or the hands of your repreſentatives, by making them judges of our morals, doctrines, and gifts. We apprehend, that we could have made no further ſacrifice, without ſapping the foundations of Methodiſm, and particularly deſtroying the itinerant plan. O brethren, be as zealous for peace and unity in your reſpective ſocieties, as your Preachers have been in this bleſſed Conference. Let the majorities and minorities on both ſides, exerciſe the utmoſt forbearance towards each other; let them mutually concede one to the other

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as far as poſſible; and, by thus bearing each other's burdens, fulfil the law of Chriſt. Let all reſentment be buried in eternal oblivion; and let contention and ſtrife be for ever baniſhed from the borders of our Iſrael.

Surely, our preſent complete and happy union, ſo contrary to the fears of many, is a ſignal of good times. God will, we believe, pour out his Spirit, upon us more largely than ever; and by the exerciſe of his moſt gracious prerogative, bring abundance of good out of all our paſt evils.

To his grace and holy keeping we commend you. May nothing ever ſeparate you and us from the love of God, or from each other; but may you be our crown of rejoicing in the great day of the Lord.

Signed in behalf of the Conference,

Mancheſter, 6th Auguſt 1795. JOSEPH BRADFORD, Preſident, THOMAS COKE, Secretary.

Addreſſes from the Delegated Truſtees aſſembled at Mancheſter, to the Conference.

RESOLVED, That the Thanks of this Meeting be *unanimouſly* given to the Preſident and the Members of the Conference, for their kind attention to the buſineſs of the Delegation of the Truſtees that have been laid before them.

Reſolved, That a Copy of this Reſolution be ſent to the Conference, ſigned by the Preſident and Secretary.

Committee Room of Delegates, 4th Auguſt 1795. MATTHEW MAYER, WILLIAM PINE.

To the Methodiſt Preachers aſſembled in Conference.

Dear and honoured Fathers and Brethren,

We beg you to accept our ſincere thanks, for your kind attention in ſending us propoſitions for general pacification and diſcipline.

We are ſenſible of the liberality and candour which are manifeſt in them. It is evident from their tenor, that you have attempted to meet the views of each party. We hope and truſt that, by the bleſſing of

God, it may be a means of uniting the whole body of Methodiſts throughout the three kingdoms.

With all deference to the Conference, we ſubmit the following propoſitions to their further attention.

That ſome proviſion be made for the brethren, who differ from the judgment of truſtees, or the major part of a ſociety on the ſubjects in queſtion, as we ſuppoſe ſuch caſes are numerous and important, we particularly refer to Leeds circuit.

That the caſe of thoſe chapels where there are no leaders be more fully explained.

Alſo thoſe where the Sacrament is adminiſtered every Sunday in the parochial church.

Although we think it our duty thus candidly to ſtate the views which have occurred to us in carefully peruſing the propoſitions, yet we think it neceſſary to ſay, we ſhall cheerfully acquieſce in the final determination of the Conference.

Signed in behalf of the Meeting,

Mancheſter, 3d Auguſt 1795. MICHAEL LONGRIDGE.

The Addreſs of the IRISH CONFERENCE, To the PRESIDENT and PREACHERS of the Mancheſter Conference.

Fathers and Brethren,

YOUR kind reception of our laſt addreſs, is a ſufficient proof of your diſintereſted love towards us; and while it raiſes joy in our ſouls, begets that affection and gratitude to you, which we cannot deſcribe.

We may ſafely ſay, that nothing except the divine approbation, could afford us a happineſs, equal to that which ariſes from the aſſurance of your chriſtian eſteem, and brotherly love; and we truſt, that it ſhall be our conſtant care, to maintain that heavenly union, which through the mercy of our divine Maſter, ſo eminently ſubſiſts among us at preſent. Senſible how much we are indebted, under God to you, we feel it our hearts deſire, to receive your every advice, in the ſpirit which becomes junior brethren. Your

Your important obſervation, that nothing can materially injure the great Work, which God is ſo remarkably carrying on through our inſtrumentality, but, "Strife and Diviſion," we moſt ſenſibly feel, and highly approve; and as we know your ardent wiſh for Jeruſalem's welfare, we are happy to inform you, that through the goodneſs of God, peace and unanimity prevail among us.

Your earneſt exhortations to be much in prayer, and to eſtabliſh prayer-meetings, we believe to be dictated by hearts big with deſire for the proſperity of Zion; and we look to God, to enable us to follow theſe counſels, ſo agreeable to the divine will, and ſo conducive to the eternal happineſs of mankind.

We cannot help repeating our approbation of our dear brother Bradford. We are more and more convinced, that he is a man of God, and like Moſes, faithful in all his houſe; we ſincerely regret his departure; and if our dear Fathers and Brethren, ſhould appoint him to labour in our land again, we ſhould conſider it as a bleſſing from heaven, and receive him with open arms. But while we particularize our dear friend Bradford, we would not be thought to reflect upon our beloved Engliſh brethren, about to leave the kingdom, whom we believe to be true ſervants of God: we rejoiced in their labours, and have only to regret their removal.

Neither can we help thanking God and you, for the viſitation of Doctor Coke. The Lord was undoubtedly with him in his tour through the kingdom; and in our Conference, he has preſided with wiſdom, meekneſs, impartiality and love. We ſhall be happy to receive him as our Preſident, whenever you ſhall be pleaſed to appoint him; and we unanimouſly requeſt to be favoured with his preſidency the enſuing year.

We rejoice, and we bleſs God, that we have it in our power to inform you, that he hath owned our labours the year that is paſt, and that he is building up Jeruſalem in troubleſome times. Great have been the diſturbances in our nation, among thoſe who are without; yet through all, the great Head of the Church has wonderfully preſerved and proſpered us. To him be the glory.

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We humbly, and earneſtly intreat a continuation of your chriſtian attention; and that you will not fail to remember us at the Throne of Grace; and be aſſured, reſpected Fathers and Brethren, that it ſhall, through grace, be our conſtant care, to unite our petitions to yours, for the general good, and our ambition to follow your pious example.

We remain, with all poſſible love and eſteem, your brethren in Chriſt Jeſus.

Signed in behalf of the Conference,

Dublin, July 11th 1795. JOHN CROOK, Secretary.

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